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Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

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At 3 months notice 3 per Annum.  
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## Entertainment.

**GARRISON THEATRE.**

**THE INNISKILLINGS**  
**CHRISTY MINSTRELS,**  
ON

**TUESDAY**

**AND**

**WEDNESDAY,**

20th and 21st MAY, 1879.

SONGS,  
OLOG DANCE,  
FLUTE DUET,  
COMIO SONGS,  
AND THE NEGRO FAROE,  
entitled

**BOX AND COX.**

To conclude with

**THE NEGRO DANCE**

**SKIDADDLE.**

Doors Open at 8.30 p.m.

To Commence at 9.00 "

Admission:  
First Seats, One Dollar.  
Second do., 50 Cents.  
Third do., 25 "

**PUNKAH.**

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."

Hongkong, May 17, 1879. my22

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on an early DATE, unless disposed of privately, of which due Notice will be given—

Portions of INLAND LOT No. 105, adapted for the erection of FIVE CHINESE HOUSES on COCHRANE STREET, corner of Gage Street, and FIVE HOUSES on Gage Street, corner of Gutzlaff Street.

Plans may be seen, and all particulars obtained at the OFFICES of

**SHARP & DANBY,**

No. 6, Queen's Road,

lately Messrs E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, May 17, 1879.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,—

**THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY,**

Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz.:—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILL, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

## Intimations.

**THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, situate at No. 7, Queen's Road, Hongkong, at 8 a.m. on TUESDAY, the 20th Instant, for the purpose of confirming such Special Resolution passed the Day.

Dated the 6th day of May, 1879.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,**

General Managers.

### G. FALCONER & Co.,

**WATCH AND CHRONOMETER**

**MANUFACTURERS,**

**AND**

**JEWELLERS.**

**NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS**

**AND BOOKS.**

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, April 21, 1879. my20

## Intimations.



**SEALED TENDERS** for the Extension of BOILER SHED; REPAIRS to ROOF, PILLARS, &c., at H.M. NAVAL YARD, will be Received by the Underigned on or before TUESDAY, the 27th Instant, at Noon.

Plan and Specification can be seen on application at the NAVAL STOREKEEPER'S OFFICE.

**JOHN BRENNER,**

Naval Storekeeper.

H. M.'s Naval Yard,

Hongkong, 18th May, 1879. my27

## PHOTOGRAPHY.

**C. P. O. R. P. E. L. B. A. U. M.** begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he has taken over the BUSINESS of Mr. H. SCHUBERT—well-known in Hongkong—and is prepared to take PHOTOGRAPHS daily from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. Having previously been employed by Mr. SCHUBERT, and had long experience in some of the most Celebrated Studios in Europe, he will take any Work in PHOTOGRAPHY, and is able to guarantee satisfaction to all who favour him with their Patronage. Photographs enlarged to life-size and finished in Artistic Style. Any Pictures not meeting with the approval of Patrons will not be charged for.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO,**

Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, April 21, 1879. my21

## YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Directors have declared an EXTRA DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. on Shareholders Capital, payable at the Office of the Secretaries, on the 28th Instant, to SHAREHOLDERS of Record on the 21st Instant.

**RUSSELL & Co.,**

Secretaries.

Shanghai, 18th April, 1879. my23

## HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

**GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE** at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

**MEYER & Co.,**

Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 20, 1878. my20

## NOTICE.

### CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1878.

**SHAREHOLDERS** in the above OFFICE are requested to furnish the Underigned with a LIST of THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS for the Year ending 31st December, 1878, in order that the Distribution of the PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 30th JUNE Next will be Adjudged by the OFFICE, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,**

General Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1879. jn30

## YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

### NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. on the NET PREMIUM CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th Instant.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in particulars of their Contributions.

By Order of the Directors,

**RUSSELL & Co.,**

Agents.

Hongkong, May 6, 1879. jn30

## DENTAL NOTICE.

**D. R. ROGERS** will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

**HONGKONG COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE.**

THE EXCHANGE ROOMS in MARINE HOUSE, Queen's Road Central, will be Open and Ready for the use of MEMBERS, on MONDAY, the 2nd June next. Applications for admission as Members to be addressed to

**E. GEORGE,**

Secretary.

Hongkong, May 14, 1879.

## Volume Seventh of the

**"CHINA REVIEW."**

**Now Ready.**

**No. 5.—Vol. VII.**

**—OF THE—**

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**CONTAINS—**

Legislation and Law in Ancient China.

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Chinese Running Band.

The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.

The Sadness of Separation, or Li Sao.

Historical Table of the High Officials Composing the Central and Provincial Governments of China.

Mr. Kingmill and the Shi King.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—

Notes on the Language of the Formosan Savages.

The Rainfall of Peking in connection with the Sunspot Theory.

On some of the Constellations in the Shi King.

Ancient Vases.

Anniversary of the Downfall of the Yuan.

Crocodiles.

Mourning Etiquette.

The Land Tax.

Sanskrit Characters.

Zology.

Mongol Alphabets.

The Food of the Heath.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

Hongkong, May 17, 1879.

## NOTICE.

**MR. EDWARD BURNIE** will Conduct my BUSINESS of MARINE SURVEYOR during my temporary absence from the Colony.

**R. H. CAIRNS.**

Club Chambers,

Hongkong, May 6th, 1879. jn6

## NOTICE.

**FROM THE 1ST OF OCTOBER,**

**DR. EASTLAKE** will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

## SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

**MR. THOMAS WILLIAM WRIGHT** is authorized to SIGN our Firm per Procuration from this Date.

**SAYLE & Co.**

Hongkong, May 9, 1879. jn6

## NOTICE.

**THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY** of Mr. WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr. CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.

**RUSSELL & Co.**

Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

## NOTICE.

**MR. JAMES ANDERSON,** formerly Manager of the Foochow Docks, has this Day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.

**J. INGLIS & Co.,**

Victoria Foundry, Wanchai.

Hongkong, April 1, 1879. j79

## WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

**WASHERMAN'S BOOKS**, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

## For sale.

### FOR SALE.

THE British Iron Barge "BEN-CLUTHA," 997 Tons Register, as she now lies at anchor in Onefoo Harbour.

For Particulars, &c., apply to Messrs H. SIETAS & Co., Chefoo.

Hongkong, April 28, 1879. my28

### NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.**

The Steamship "NAMO,"

Capt. WESTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, May 17, 1879. my21

## AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

**FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.**

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

One of the Company's Steamers

will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY,

**GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.**

Hongkong, May 16, 1879. my23

## Sailing Vessels.







this city, and proposed to visit his father, in Paris, to procure money for that purpose, but that the home office agreed to buy his ticket and pay his expenses to San Francisco, if he would return. This offer he accepted and lost no time in returning, with the intention of disclosing everything connected with his money transactions. It is understood that he has done so, and that his statements are borne out by investigations made by the detectives and the bank. How much money he put in stocks, and where it went, are now known. Hall remains in the new prison, and has not been formally charged with larceny of the bank's money.

With regard to our recent remarks concerning the rottenness of some things in high places in India, we would direct attention to the opinion of the *Madras Mail* with regard to the cooking of the accounts connected with the Afghan war. More than once within our memory, says our contemporary, Indian journalists have been taken roundly to task for insinuating that the public accounts had been subjected to a process not very dissimilar to what is called "cooking" with reference to the financial statements of private companies and individuals. And now we have an ex-Lieutenant-Governor deliberately charging Lord Lytton's Government with the most odious cooking of accounts in respect of the Afghan war. He twice stigmatised Mr Stanhope's quiet official statement of facts as "audacious," and went out of his way to sneer at the modern Governors-General as being of inferior calibre to those of former days. Our contemporary agrees "with the member for the Kirkcaldy Burghs that there is far too great a tendency to govern India by means of telegrams and private, or at least semi-official, correspondence. On reference to the Duke of Argyll's monstrous 'pamphlet,' it will be seen that His Grace conducted almost his entire correspondence with Lord Mayo on the subject of the Afghan Policy in an unofficial manner; and, thus, the Blue-Book lately presented to Parliament displayed a lamentable hiatus at the very point where the fullest information was desirable." We might add that both India and the colonies have so often seen fearful and wonderful exposures of what is done in the land we live in and the land we belong to in the way of governmental wiles and tricks and blunders, that many have come to the comforting conclusion that things are just now at that worst state which, according to the old saw, always precedes their "beginning to mend."

#### FALL OF CHINESE HOUSES. ONE MAN KILLED.

The accident which we briefly noticed in Saturday evening's paper, happily dwindled down, when the real facts became known, to a much smaller catastrophe than it was at first believed had happened. The houses which fell are not situated in Gage Street, but facing Gage Street, at the junction of Cochrane Street, Gage Street and Lyndhurst Terrace. It appears that about 7 o'clock the three houses fell with a loud crash, which could be heard for a considerable distance. Chief Inspector Horspool happened to be close to the spot at the time, and being informed that a number of men were buried in the ruins, gave orders for a party of police to be sent to the spot, and applied to the Superintendent of the Gaol for assistance. Twenty European prisoners were at once sent to the scene under the charge of Mr Cole, head turnkey of the gaol. They were provided with all necessary appliances for clearing away the ruins, and ambulances were brought down for use if required. It was known that some twenty men had been inside the building immediately before the accident occurred, and that some had escaped, but these latter ran away as they usually do on such occasions, so that it was impossible to say how many of the twenty men had escaped. At length it was ascertained that one man was buried; on the Lyndhurst Terrace side, and Mr Cole, with some of the prisoners, at once set to work to extricate the poor fellow. He was close to the door and apparently not much hurt, as the beams of the first floor had kept the debris from crushing him. Before he was properly extricated he was able to speak, and said that he believed he was the only man in the building, the others having all escaped. As soon as his legs were freed a most ludicrous scene occurred. Orders were given to clear the way to the ambulance, the man was lifted from his uncomfortable quarters by rough but kindly hands, and he was being conveyed towards the ambulance. He tried hard to free himself from his preservers, who however expostulated with him, endeavouring to reassure him of their well-meant intentions. He was got as far as the ambulance, but here he struggled so fiercely that he was at length let go, and he then rushed away madly, energetically refusing to let them make an invalid of him. Although not a fit subject for an ambulance, nothing could more plainly have shown the dread the ignorant coolie has towards foreign doctors. No doubt he is ere this smothered with nasty-looking plaster, and has been pinched and scored down the neck and head to his heart's content. As soon as this lucky fellow was released it was reported that another man was buried on the other side; and the prisoners worked away manfully till nearly 10 o'clock, but without seeing any signs of any one being buried there. They were then ordered to desist, as the walls were in a very unsafe state. Yesterday morning they renewed their exertions, and succeeded in finding a man's clothing and pipe, but no body. They continued to work till half past 4 o'clock, when they were relieved by a party of coolies, and at

8 a.m. to-day the body of a lad of 19 was discovered. It is believed that all the others must have escaped.

We cannot help remarking that it is a crying shame that such accidents should be possible. We have more than once called the attention of the authorities to the matter of jerry buildings, but they are still being run up in the same flimsy style. The entire row of these four houses was supported merely by thin posts placed in the shop-front. It is patent to the most unprofessional eye that the arch which forms the shop front is wholly useless; there is no key-stone; the bricks are simply thrown together, and the arch has scarcely any curve; how then, may we ask, can it be of the slightest use in supporting the structure? The whole of the weight is thrown on a post about four or five inches in diameter. This defect must have been noticeable in the plans; if there were any plans, which we very much doubt. This, coupled with the bad workmanship, makes one wonder how these houses, formed as they are of mud and brick and green wood, can stand at all. It is the duty of the Government to see that people are at least free from the danger of being crushed to death at any moment, either in the street or in their houses owing to the manner in which plans are passed and rascally contractors scamp their work. House rent is high enough in all conscience to enable proprietors and builders to erect substantial dwellings.

#### THE INQUEST.

An inquest was held this afternoon on the body of Lai Hing, who was killed by the falling of some houses in Cochrane Street on Saturday last. The jury comprised Messrs T. N. Driscoll, J. A. Blogg and E. F. Fomasee.

Dr Wharry gave evidence as to the cause of death, which, he said, appeared to have resulted from suffocation. The left fore arm was broken, the upper part of the chest crushed, and the back and left shoulder severely abraded.

Mr A-on, a carpenter, stated that he was working at a block of new houses in Cochrane Street with the deceased, who was 19 years of age and was engaged as cook for the carpenters who were working in the house. At about 7 p.m. of the 17th instant he was spreading the table for a dinner of one of the new houses. He had just set down to his supper; there were four other men including the deceased who was serving up their meal. Suddenly the wall on the south side of the room fell down. The roof and the first floor all seemed to fall at once. When the beams of the roof and the upper floor fell down, one end of them rested on the wall and one on the ground, and I and others being protected by the beams luckily escaped with but slight injury. The deceased was under the end of the beams which struck the ground. We could not see the deceased. Some of the bricks fell on me, inflicting some slight bruises on my head, left arm, and chest. I got out without assistance. I do not know when the other three men got out. I cannot say what caused the house to fall.

Chun Aohi deposed:—I am a building contractor and reside at Queen's Road West. I have been a building contractor for over twenty years. I have a contract for building a block of six houses at Cochrane Street. I have 60 or 70 men at work; they have been so employed for the last four months. The deceased has been employed for about one month. The deceased and four others were in one house doing carpenter's work. I visit the buildings every day and left the house on Saturday at 4 o'clock; I was walking in the Queen's Road and heard some people say that some houses had fallen, so I immediately ran back to see if they were mine. I found two of my houses had fallen; so at once went to the Police Station and made a report. The Inspector asked me if there was anybody in the house. I went to make enquiries and learnt that all were safe but one. It was too late and too dark to work that night, but the next morning I got some men set to work, and they continued to work all day. This morning about 8 o'clock the deceased was found under the debris, quite dead. I was present when the body was recovered, he lay under some of the beams. On Friday I noticed a crack near the foundation of the front side of the party wall of the two centre houses. I ordered the men to pull down the front wall as far as the first floor, and my intention was to pull the whole of the wall down. The landlord called my attention to the flaw in the wall. I ordered the sub-contractor to pull it down, but he wanted more money. I said it must come down so engaged some men myself to pull it down. I saw them doing it; they had pulled down as far as the top of the second floor on Saturday at 4 p.m. I saw it at 4 o'clock; it looked quite safe then; the crack was just the same as when I first noticed it. All the bricklayers left off work at 9 o'clock and went home. In all my twenty years' experience I never heard of a house falling down as these have done. The landlord visited the houses every day, but found no fault with the work except the crack in the wall. Mr Neate, the Inspector of buildings, visited the work three or four times a day, but he found no fault with the work.

By a Juror:—I do not think the Inspector of buildings saw the crack until after the wall was in course of demolition. He then came and spoke about the crack, and I showed him that the men were pulling down the wall. By Inspector Craddock:—When the wall was being pulled down the bricks were placed along each side of the wall on the top floor. There were not many bricks because the window was very large. I thought it was quite safe to put the bricks up in that way. There were some of the tiles on the top floor as well. By Mr Driscoll:—It is usual to sub-let building contracts. I gave orders for the bricks to be stacked on the top floor in the manner I have described. The sub-contractor and bricklayers employed by him have all run away. Stephen Blumhard Neate sworn Material

I am Inspector of buildings. It is part of my duty to see that buildings are constructed in accordance with the Building Ordinance. To the best of my knowledge the buildings which fell down in Cochrane Street were commenced about three or four months ago. I was last there about last Thursday. I keep no record of the time of my visits. I do not remember seeing anything wrong with them. I passed the top of the street on Saturday, and think I noticed that the wall of one house was being pulled down, but as I was on other business at the time I did not take particular notice. I have no regular time for visiting particular buildings. I cannot say if I visit Cochrane Street once a week or not. I have probably visited it twenty or thirty times.

By a Juror:—I should think from information I have gathered that the accident was caused by the bricks, &c., taken from the front wall being placed on the upper floor. The bricks and tiles would probably weigh several tons. This was done to save labour. I do not remember speaking to the last witness about the crack. I see a great many people and a great many buildings in the course of the day.

Last witness recalled, states that he is not quite certain the Inspector of Buildings was there on Friday.

Mr Neate said he should like to add that the buildings were in accordance with the Building Ordinance, and in one respect they were more substantial than was required by the Ordinance, the walls being 13 inches thick, while the Ordinance only requires them to be 9 inches.

In reply to a Juror witness said that overweighing floors was a very common mistake in Hongkong and was not uncommon in England. He had known many accidents resulting from this cause. Accidents of this sort were due to a great deal to ignorance and a great deal to a desire to save money. Bricks, if left in boats, have to pay demurrage, and as there is no place to store them, they are generally stacked in the buildings.

The Coroner then read a definition of what constituted manslaughter, and asking the jury to consider their verdict, drew their attention to the ignorance of the Chinese. He said they could hardly be expected to have the same knowledge of the subject as Mr Neate, or any person specially trained, but of course the Contractors' experience would go for something.

Mr Neate said that he might mention that the crack in the front wall would not account for the accident as that wall only bore its own weight. The Jury then retired and after a short absence, returned a verdict of accidental death, adding a rider recommending some steps to be taken to prevent contractors from overweighing floors.

Mr Cragh said he should certainly bring this to the notice of the Government.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### WATER.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

SIR,—I wish to draw attention to the fact, that as usual when the summer comes, the water supply fails utterly. It is strange that in a Colony that boasts of its civilization this should be so. During a period of 7 or 8 days, once only have I been favoured with water; and it is trying to the very weakest man (be he a veritable Job) to walk morning after morning into his bath-room to find only the same couple of inches of water. If exchange were not so frightfully low and business dull, one could find a remedy by ordering a supply of ice every morning, which would be a delightful temperature when needed. But the "ice rates" do not appear in our newspapers, while "water rates" do. If the water would only come in as regularly as the tax-collector does, I would not grumble. As it is, I consider that the past week, hot as it has been, has been almost unbearable with an

##### EMPTY BATH-TUB.

##### Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

Monday, May 19.

##### DRUNKENNESS.

John Thompson, seaman, U.S.S. *Richmond*, and Charles Williams, seaman, unemployed, were fined 50 cents each for being drunk and incapable.

Michael Keane, seaman, lately belonging to the U.S.S. *Ranger*, was fined \$1 for a similar offence.

##### STRAGGLER.

Juan Billo, seaman Spanish schooner *Nuevo Constante*, was ordered to be sent on board his ship as a straggler.

##### "JACK ASSHORE."

Thomas Henry Duggan, and Francis Andrew Dougherty, seamen U.S.S. *Richmond*, were charged with creating a disturbance in the public streets, knocking over a hawk's basket, and destroying property valued at 5 cents, and likewise with assaulting the police. It appears the first defendant was drunk, and kicked over the hawk's basket; a crowd collected, and the second defendant tried to smooth matters over, but the first defendant ran away, and was rescued with difficulty. Mr Plunket fined the first defendant \$2, one dollar of which to go to the hawk as an amende, and the second defendant was discharged.

##### CHINESE DELICACIES.

Maak On Tai, a hawk, was charged with defrauding one Kam Ayl, a broker, by selling him a quantity of a mixture of vermicelli alleged to be birds' nests.

Mr Li Hong Mi, third clerk and interpreter at the Police Court, gave some interesting particulars regarding this business. He said: I have examined the article in Court; it is very closely resembles birds' nests; it is not birds' nest, but vermicelli. I have seen some of it before, and have known a pretty good judge of the genuine article deceived by the same kind of stuff. I have dealt in birds' nests for five or six years. The birds' nests are worth \$85 a catty; that in Court would be about half a catty. A great many persons were imposed on in Peking some years ago by spurious goods of the same sort. That in the bag in Court is counterfeit, and is exactly the same as the composition of vermicelli produced by the complainant.

P.O. 180 proved arresting the defendant, who had the bag of spurious birds' nest in Court in his possession. He was pointed out by the complainant as the man who sold him the birds' nests.

Defendant, who denied all knowledge of either the complainant or the birds' nest,

was fined \$20, with the alternative of four weeks' hard labour, and was further ordered to pay \$3.50 amends to the complainant, or be further imprisoned for fourteen days with hard labour. On his release from gaol he is to enter into his personal recognizance in \$100 to be of good behaviour for twelve months.

#### China.

##### SHANGHAI.

(N. C. D. News.)

H. M. despatch vessel *Vigilant* arrived at Shanghai Tuesday afternoon. Vice-Admiral Coote, C.B. was on board. The flag-ship *Iron Duke* remained at Woosung, but was afterwards brought too far up the Hwang-poo, and grounded on the tail of Gough's Island, where she remained so long that it was thought serious consequences would ensue. By dint of unceasing effort, however, and the aid of several American and English gunboats, she was eventually floated, and is now at a safe anchorage.

The China Merchants' Company seem to be singularly unfortunate just now in the running of their steamers. The *Hooi-yuen* and *Yungking* broke down last week, and now we hear of a breakage of the machinery of the steamer *Haean* as she was leaving Tientsin on the morning of the 6th inst. She seems to have been totally disabled. Her passengers and cargo were transferred to the *Yungking*, which arrived in port on Sunday morning. The *Haean* was taken in tow by the *Haeking*, and they arrived safely in Shanghai on Sunday afternoon.

The proprietor of the Joss-house in the Peking Road, in front of H.M.'s Consular gaol, died about twelve months ago, having abstained from food for ten days. He was seventy years of age and reduced to a skeleton. His body was placed in a recess behind the altar in the Joss-house, where it remained until Tuesday morning, when it was cremated on the plot of land in front of the gaol in the presence of several hundred Chinese, among whom were a large number of women. The operation lasted also through part of Wednesday. Deceased built the Joss-house ten years ago, and is reported to have made a fortune of Tls. 20,000 by his management.

The use of the knife is becoming common among natives in Shanghai. A Tientsin mafio, in the employment of a foreigner residing on the Bubbling Well Road, had an altercation with a shop-keeper Thursday afternoon on the Yang-ping-pang. He seized a carving knife and drew it across the back of the shop-keeper's neck, inflicting a wound four inches long. An assistant in the shop interposed, and the mafio stabbed him in the neck also. Fortunately the wound in neither case was of a dangerous nature. The mafio was arrested, and was brought before the Mixed Court next day, when he was sentenced to receive 100 blows and be imprisoned for three months.

The *Shanghai Mercury* reports the following singular case of compulsory suicide:—A Ningpo man named Zee-ah-yan, formerly a head coolie at the Kin-lee-yuen wharf, having occasion to doubt the perfect propriety of his wife's conduct, recently told her a rope, a knife and some opium, telling her she must put an end to herself with whichever she pleased. She chose the rope, and deliberately hung herself. The husband has disappeared and is not to be found.

An "unofficial meeting," as it has been described to us, took place on Saturday, between Mr Robert Hart, Inspector-General of I.M. Customs, and the Committee of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce. The important questions of the establishment of Bonded Warehouses and the obstructive condition of the Woosung bar, were, we understand, conversed about, but, as we are informed, without result. To these might have been added those other burning questions of the fast-narrowing channel of the Hwang-poo river and the equally rapid silting up of the Soochow Creek, &c., &c. Perhaps, however, on the arrival of Sir Thomas Wade, another meeting can be arranged, at which the Chamber of Commerce as a body might be present to discuss with H.M. Minister and the Inspector-General not only these four questions, but also others affecting foreign mercantile interests in China generally, which have so long lain in abeyance.

The large ocean-going steamer *Hankow*, from London, met with an accident while entering the port after passing the Tunga Lightship. First, she grounded near the Red Buoy and was towed off by two tugboats, and then, when anchoring off the Lighthouse at Woosung, her cable parted. A second anchor was immediately lowered, and in swinging round to it she fouled some junk and became unmanageable. The anchor chains of the junk got entangled around her propeller, entirely disabling her, and it was with great difficulty that she was brought under control. When this was accomplished she had to be considerably lightened before she could cross the Bar, a work which occupied the best part of three days, and then in her disabled state she was towed into port by four tugboats.

#### Japan.

##### YOKOHAMA.

(Gazette.)

The *Nichi Nichi Shinbun* gives some particulars of a disturbance in the Japanese settlement of Pusan, Korea. It appears that Captain Yamasaki of H. I. J. M. S. *Hoshokan* and Yamanochoh, chief commissioner of Fusan, accompanied by about 30 marines and some students visited Torai Pu on the 16th April. There are various gates in the walls of Torai Pu through which Japanese were not permitted to pass until recently when they were allowed to enter the town. These officers were on a visit to the town when they were unexpectedly attacked by about four hundred natives who hurled stones and tiles at the visitors. The natives rapidly increased their numbers to some thousands, the Japanese numbering not quite fifty. Some of the Japanese were wounded very severely and they were obliged to return to Fusan as speedily as possible. On the following day, the 16th April, Captain Yamasaki and Commissioner Yamanochoh with a party of forty armed marines marched to Torai Pu, and demanded an investigation into the unprovoked attack made upon them on the previous day. After much discussion the Governor agreed to accede to the Japanese demand and the latter returned to Fusan.

The Imperial Government are evidently determined to steadily pursue the policy they have marked out respecting the future of the Loo Choo Islands, notwithstanding any protestations on the part of the inhabitants or the threats of China. Yesterday the *Meiji Maru* brought no less than fifty-five of the principal islanders, who, it is said, are to be detained in Tokio during the pleasure of the Government. The 37

king was not among them as, owing to indisposition, he applied for and obtained leave to remain eighty days longer in Loo Choo. The visitors—for so no doubt they may be called, though as a matter of fact they are and will be under official surveillance—were received by several officers of the Imperial household department, and treated with every mark of respect. They remained in Yokohama last night and proceeded to Tokio to-day.

We learn from the Japanese papers that the Government intend to connect Loo Choo with Japan by means of a telegraph cable thence, to Kagoshima, and that a survey will shortly be commenced by order of the Kobusho.

The Japanese, Matsumoto, *momban* of the race-course, who some short time back was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude for smoking and selling opium, was liberated on the 30th ultimo on payment of yen 28.50 in lieu of completing his term of punishment.

#### Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchange.)

The newly-appointed British Consul for Manila arrived here by the *Esmeralda* on 18th inst., and was conveyed on shore in the steam-launch *Elia*, where he was received by some members of the firm of Smith Bell & Co.

We learn with regret that the St. Nicolas Lighthouse will not be lighted up until next August, owing to the non-completion of some details in its construction, which in our opinion are immaterial.

The *Valiente* and not the *Marques del Duero*, according to our information, is the vessel which will convey our Plenipotentiary, Sr. Ordonez, to the Court of Annam for the negotiation of a treaty. The vessel will be despatched to meet Sr. Ordonez on the news of his arrival at Singapore or Saigon being received here, and from thence to the field of his labour. Sr. Ordonez will, it is said, come to Manila after the conclusion of his mission, and on his way to Madrid will visit Hongkong, and Japan, and thence to United States and home.

It is now known, the proprietors of the coal mines of Compostela (Cebu) are bound to supply the Philippine naval station with coal that may be required for the use of the service at the low price of \$5 per ton. As Cardiff coal was being paid for from \$11 to \$13 per ton, the advantage of the offer of the mine proprietors is evident. The said proprietors now make a new proposition which is that if the Government could construct a tramway to run from the mines to the wharves, at its own expense, they would be able to supply the combustible even at \$4 per ton. This proposition is now under consideration of the Government.

The Spanish brig *Perla del Oceano*, Capt. Aldecoa, left Manila for Hongkong with sago-wind, on 12th inst.

It is reported from Iloilo that on the 2nd instant the British barque *Strathmore* left that port for Liverpool, and about three hours after she left was obliged to put back owing to the ship's steward having set fire to the spare sails and provisions in the stores, but was discovered in time by the crew, who with great difficulty succeeded in extinguishing it. H. B. M.'s Vice-Consul, with a real worthy of praise, has ordered the culprit to be imprisoned, and taken other measures for his punishment.

#### COMMERCIAL.

May 19.

Up to the receipt of the month's supply the rates for Bengal opium kept pretty steady, but subsequently a weaker tone prevailed. The business of the fortnight has been notwithstanding on a very fair scale, when it is borne in mind that the value of the drug will be much enhanced in its transit into the interior by the increased duty. As below noted, it will be seen that the stock of Patna is not large in first hands for the season, but in view of the increased duty the native dealers appear to act as circumstances call for. The present quotations are \$550 to \$552 for Patna, and \$517½ to \$520 for Benares.

To the last noticed receipts have to be added 3,523 chests, making the total for the month, so far, 3,863 chests, against 2,791 to the corresponding date last year. During the fortnight some 1,050 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 1,100 chests at the corresponding period last year. This, with the exportations, leaves the available supply computed at 1,600 chests, against 2,900 chests same time last year. Of this last quantity 600 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock consists of a similar quantity.

Messrs HENNINGMAN & Co.'s Freight Circular for the Mail of Tuesday, 20th May, says:—

Business in the Freight market has been on a moderate scale during the past fortnight; there exists a better demand for homeward charters, and freights have ruled slightly firmer, but coastwise the market continues dull and languid. Homewards, little has been done from this port to two settlements are reported for the Philippines, and tonnage is still in slight demand to load there. Coastwise, very little business is offering for the Northern ports, and freights are generally dull. A fair demand for steamers continues from Saigon to this port, but the market has shown signs of declining during the last few days; the rate can be quoted 28 cents per picul.

The German barque *Malina*, 479 tons, has left for Whampoa "seeking."

The disengaged tonnage in port, amounts to 16 vessels, registering 10,520 tons, steamers not included.

The following are the settlements:—American barque Freeman, 1198, Iloilo to New York, private.

British barque Aleppo, 685, Manila to New York, private.

German barque Patria, 395 to Hamburg, private.

American ship Ventura, 813, to San Francisco, \$3,500 gold in full.

British barque Orange Grove, 385, Takao to Yokohama, 27 cents per picul, 25 day.

British schooner Rosebud, 341, Takao to Yokohama and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 45 cents per picul, 35 day.

British barque Florence Nightingale, 404, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, \$4,750 in full, 42 day.

German barque Anna Bertha, 408, Whampoa to Chioche and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 30 cents per picul, 35 day.

British barque Queen of India, 380, to Newchwang and back, 25 cents per picul, 35 day.

British barque Gestue Bruns, 462, to Kamput and back, \$2,400 in full, 35 day.

German barque Hermine, 350, to E-On and back, \$2,400 in full, 50 day.

French barque Paralos, 342, Monthly Charter, 2 months and hence to Channel for order to one Port United Kingdom or Continent, £2 per ton of 20 cwt., 25 day.

British steamer Penedo, 652, Saigon to Hongkong, 25 cents per picul, 8 day.

Spanish steamer Zamboanga, 651, Saigon to Hongkong, 23 cents per picul, 8 day.

British steamer Maharajah, 994, Saigon to Hongkong, 23 cents per picul, 9 day.

British steamer Pernambuco, 643, Saigon to Hongkong, 23½ cents per picul, 8 day.

British steamer Flintshire, 1236, Saigon to Hongkong, 24½ cents per picul, 12 day.

British steamer Scotland, 1197, to Saigon and back, 27 cents per picul, 16 day.

British steamer Thales, 820, Swatow to Singapore (passengers), \$8.75 per head, 10 day.

British steamer Paladin, 1734, to Saigon and back, 3 trips, 28 cents per picul for each trip, 13 day.

Messrs DEACON & Co.'s Canton Market Report, dated Canton, 17th May, says:—

There has been a fairly active demand for Tea during the past fortnight, but apparently a quieter feeling prevails at the close.

Gongwa.—The business transacted on this market has been but small, and the few purchases made show no change in value; there is now only a poor assortment on offer, the market having been nearly cleared of all good and fine parcels. A fair amount of contracts are reported as having been made in Masao.

Scented Teas.—During the first week of the past fortnight, a fair enquiry existed for Capers, and settlements were made generally at an advance of about one tal per picul on opening rates; lately, however, the demand has somewhat subsided, and for medium grades a rather easier tone prevails; fine and finest teas have been scarce throughout, and have, consequently, commanded full prices. Common kinds have been in some request, and teas of very ordinary quality have been taken at Tls. 13 to 13½ per picul.

Scented Orange Pekoes have only been bought to a moderate extent; "short leaf" teas have ruled from Tls. 12 to 13 per picul, and "long leaf" kinds from Tls. 16 to 18 per picul. The remarks made in our last report, regarding the quality of these teas, must now be confirmed and the crop must be pronounced as very disappointing both in make and cup; the stock chiefly comprises medium teas, fine parcels being in very small supply.

Export of the various descriptions of Tea shipped from Canton Waters (Hongkong, Canton and Masao) to Great Britain to date:—May 4, S. S. *Aden*, Congou 337,041 lbs., S. *Caper* 74,444 lbs., total 411,485 lbs.; 18, S. S. *Sindh*, Congou 124,208 lbs., S. *Caper* 207,317 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 22,850 lbs., total 354,405 lbs. Making, with previous shipments, a total for the season of 1,617,684 lbs.; against 2,501,240 for season 1878-79.

Silk.—There is no business to report in New Silk. About 100 bales of different kinds are said to be already reeled in the country, but prices asked by the producers are exorbitant, and native dealers have abstained from purchasing. \$885 a \$890 per picul in the figure at present demanded for No. 4 "Kowloon" Twist; but should there be no haste to operate on the part of foreigners, it is likely that a considerable reduction on these rates will be accepted ere long. From samples shown, the New Silk appears to be of very fair quality, and rather above the standard of ordinary first crop thread; only a small quantity has, however, been forthcoming, and it is not improbable that the bulk may prove unequal to these early arrivals. The yield is computed at about 4,000 bales of all sorts, or double the first crop of last season.

Of Long-reels, 40 piculs are said to have been settled for the Indian market.

Re-reels.—The quantity of Oumchuck and Louklow thread in this crop is estimated at 450 to 500 bales.

Stock, none.

We cannot give any quotations.

Export of Silk.—Export to date:—To London, 4069 bales; to Continent, 5347 bales; to America, 8553 boxes; to Bombay, 2898 piculs;—total, 9328 bales, 7798 boxes, and 2898 piculs. Of Waste, 8111 bales, and Pinned Cocoons 809 bales for Europe.

Dryas and Spices.—Cassia lignea, 1 quoted at \$8.85 in mats, and \$9.10 in boxes, for New Season's Look Foo and Louing, and at \$9.10 in mats, and \$9.30 in boxes, for Old Season's cargo. Sales of New 1,000 piculs. Stock 2,500 piculs. Sales of Old 1,500 piculs. Stock 2,300 piculs. Alum, \$1.75 a \$1.80 per picul. Camphor, \$20.00 a \$20.50 per picul, packed.



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Marine Risks to all parts of the World.  
In accordance with the Company's Articles  
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits,  
are distributed annually to Contributors  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premiums contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY OF  
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling  
of which is paid up £100,000  
Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000  
Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Hongkong, October 18, 1869.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at  
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the  
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.  
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.  
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.  
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.  
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

Steamers.									
Alaska	5 h	Seabury	Amer. str.	3452	May 10	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'hama & S. F. cisco	Ab'deen Dock	
Argyll	5 h	Scott	Brit. str.	1271	May 9	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Y'hama & S. F. cisco	31st inst.	
Belgic	5 h	Meyer	Brit. str.	1716	May 17	O. & S. S. Co.			
Bombay	1 h	Belgic	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong			
Cassandra	3 h	Langer	Ger. str.	937	May 13	Siemssen & Co.			
China	5 h	Alderton	Brit. str.	1036	May 16	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	Mails	
City of Tokio	5 h	Maurry	Amer. str.	5079	May 5	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'hama & S. F. cisco	To-morrow	
Dale	2 h	Thompson	Brit. str.	650	May 10	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	To-day	
Diaphante	5 h	Thebaud	Brit. str.	514	May 17	Russell & Co.	Manila	To-day	
Fame	5 h	Stapani	Brit. str.	117	May 17	H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.		Tug Flying	
Galley of Lorne	7 h	Dryden	Brit. str.	1389	May 19	Gibb, Livingston & Co.			
Gleniffer	2 h	Graham	Brit. str.	1411	May 11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.			
Gwallior	5 h	Babot	Brit. str.	1700	May 17	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.	To-morrow	
Killarney	4 h	O'Neill	Brit. str.	1060	May 15	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Foochow		
Leyte	5 h	Zublaquiere	Span. str.	312	April 8	Russell & Co.			
Natoma	5 h	Westoby	Brit. str.	862	May 16	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports		
Octava	5 h	Hansen	Ger. str.	936	May 17	Seoy Shing	Saloon	21st inst.	
Pernambuco	4 h	Hyde	Brit. str.	742	May 17	Melchers & Co.	Saigon	23rd inst.	
Rejantianahat	3 h	Hopkins	Brit. str.	935	May 19	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok		
Saint Mark	5 h	Johnson	Brit. str.	1098	May 16	Meyer & Co.			
Sea Gull	5 h	Haydon	Amer. str.	48	Mar. 24	China Traders' Insurance Co.			
Sorogon	3 h	Lopez	Span. str.	240	May 19	Vogel & Co.			
Zephyr	1 h	Bauer	Brit. str.	220	May 19	Russell & Co.			
Sailing Vessels.									
Abbie N. Franklin	4 h	Howes	Amer. bge.	460	Mar. 8	Captain			
Advance	2 h	Spencer	Slam. bge.	388	May 17	Chinese			
Alpena	1 h	Falconer	Brit. bge.	665	April 27	Borneo Co., Limited	Manila		
Alexa	8 h	Robb	Brit. bge.	424	April 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Foochow		
Alice O. Dickerman	3 h	Bugant	Amer. bge.	501	May 15	Order			
Annie W. Weston	3 h	Winsor	Amer. bge.	740	April 23	Order			
Beethoven	7 h	Haje	Ger. bge.	340	May 14	Melchers & Co.	Foochow		
Black Prince	7 h	Hewer	Brit. sh.	751	May 4	Russell & Co.			
Chamron Kamrye	2 h	Stobbs	Slam. bge.	1886	May 16	Kin Tye Loong	San Francisco	Cleared	
Cilunum	2 h	Beadle	Brit. sh.	225	May 17	Vogel & Co.			
Delphin	4 h	Lilienthal	Ger. Sm. sh.	1173	May 17	Wieler & Co.	San Francisco		
Edith	4 h	Manson	Amer. sh.	628	April 8	Russell & Co.	New York		
Edward May	4 h	Johnson	Amer. bge.	447	May 17	Wieler & Co.			
Elisabeth	8 h	Ohlsen	Ger. bge.	595	May 17	Captain			
Excelsior	2 h	Howes	Amer. bge.	1197	May 16	Vogel & Co.			
Freeman	1 h	Basson	Ger. bge.	834	May 8	Melchers & Co.			
Fulda	7 h	Lucas	Brit. bge.	666	May 17	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Callao		
Gauntlet	4 h	Prause	Brit. bge.	483	April 18	Carlowitz & Co.	Hamburg		
Gertrude	4 h	Wiltshire	Brit. bge.	898	Mar. 10	Vogel & Co.			
Golden Fleecce	4 h	Tapley	Amer. sh.	946	April 25	Vogel & Co.	New York		
Hattie E. Tapley	4 h	Wass	Amer. sh.	862	April 18	Vogel & Co.			
Haze	3 h	Daa	Norw. bge.	274	May 11	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	E-On		
Henrik Ibsen	2 h	Meyer	Ger. bge.	850	May 18	Eduard Schellhass & Co.			
Hermine	4 h	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1852	June 18	Vogel & Co.			
Highlander	3 h	Uam	Ger. Sm. sh.	219	May 10	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.			
Hongkong	3 h	Yates	Amer. sh.	481	May 16	Russell & Co.			
Irene	3 h	Pillsbury	Amer. bge.	407	May 5	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.			
John R. Stanhope	3 h	Westmann	Ger. Sm. sh.	187	May 15	Captain			
Juliane	1 h	Wass	Amer. sh.	850	April 18	Melchers & Co.			
Memnon	1 h	Uriarte	Span. sh.	203	May 9	Remedios & Co.	Manila		
Nuevo Constante	1 h	Olyma	Brit. sh.	2283	Mar. 15	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	Cleared	
Onida	5 h	Schultz	Ger. bge.	395	May 1	Siemssen & Co.	Hamburg		
Patria	3 h	Christiansen	Ger. bge.	251	May 17	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.			
Peiho	8 h	Wheel	Brit. bge.	576	April 10	Wieler & Co.	Callao		
Phaeton	4 h	Southwood	Brit. bge.	300	May 17	Wieler & Co.			
Prima Donna	2 h	Lunt	Amer. sh.	1450	April 10	Vogel & Co.	London		
Queen of India	2 h	Cary	Brit. bge.	890	April 10	Wieler & Co.	Newchwang		
Rosebud	3 h	Collie	Brit. Sm. sh.	341	April 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Takao & Yokohama		
Samsara	2 h	Clough	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.			
Yasuni	2 h	Cull	Amer. bge.	813	May 28	Russell & Co.	San Francisco		
Young Siam	2 h	Benedictsen	Slam. sh.	701	May 9	Kin Tye Loong			
Zouave	5 h	Means	Amer. sh.	1202	April 25	Captain			
WHAMPOA.									
Anna Bertha		Krause	Ger. bge.	468	May 15	Siemssen & Co.	Newchwang		
Faugh Balaugh		Ritte	Ger. bge.	240	May 16	Carlowitz & Co.	Chetoo		
Florence Nightingale		McIntyre	Brit. bge.	464	May 14	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Hefoo		
Malvina		Kluge	Ger. bge.	479	May 7	Captain	Newchwang		
CANTON.									
Fuyow		Crood	Chl. str.	920	May 15	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai		